

HALIFAX & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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8 Days | Atlantic Coast Student Tour



TOUR SNAPSHOT

Experience the rich history and culture of the Atlantic Coast with your class on this 8-day student tour. From the famous Pier 21 and Peggy's Cove lighthouse, to the Blue Nose II in Lunenburg and the Africville Historic Site and Monument, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Take a tour of historic Great George Street, visit the Confederation Centre of the Arts and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, and go shopping in Annapolis Royal. Step back in time as you explore Prince Edward Island National Park, Fundy National Park, and the Anne of Green Gables Heritage Site. This educational trip will inspire your students to explore the world and discover new adventures.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Sites & Activities: Pier 21 visit, tour to Peggy's Cove and Lunenburg, Halifax Ghost Walk, Africville Museum visit, Africville National Historic Site & Monument visit, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia visit, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic visit, theatre performance, tour of Fort Anne National Historic Site, Fundy National Park visit, Hopewell Rocks visit, Moncton Art Mural Walk, Victoria Park visit, Beaconsfield Historic House visit, Confederation Centre for the Arts educational tour, Anne of Green Gables Heritage Site visit, Prince Edward Island National Park visit, Covehead Harbour Lighthouse visit



Your Brightspark Tour Leader



Accommodations
7 nights hotel



Transportation
Flights, Private motor coach



Meals
7 breakfasts, 6 dinners





WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Our Tour Leaders Make All The Difference:** They are experts in fun and are equipped with educational content and interactive games that keep your students engaged. Extensively trained and masters in logistics, they deal with all the details to ensure a stress-free class trip!
- **The Best Support:** Our team is with you every step of the way from itinerary planning to board paperwork, online payment collection, and 24/7 on-tour assistance. We are dedicated to making the planning process simple and easy.
- **Go. Discover. Inspire:** You are not a tourist, but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.

EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

We have 40+ years of travel experience, exceptional supplier relationships, and an impeccable safety record, so you can rest assured your tour will be sparktacular!

95%
OF TEACHERS
LOVE OUR
TOURS

40+
YEARS OF
TRAVEL
EXPERIENCE

33K+
PASSENGERS
TRAVELLED
LAST YEAR



WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

THE BEST INSURANCE

Feel safe with the knowledge that your students are fully protected with cancellation insurance provided by Travel Guard, which includes school board cancellation for **ANY REASON.**



"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime. Our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriele, went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"

Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB

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DAY 1

- 6:15 a.m. **Board your flight to Halifax**
- 9:30 a.m. **Arrive in Halifax**, where your Tour Director will meet you at the airport.
- 10:00 a.m. **Board your washroom-equipped, climate-controlled highway motor coach** and depart for the city centre. En route, your Tour Director will get to know the students on a first name basis.
- 11:00 a.m. **Pier 21 visit and Multi-media Show.** The arrival point of so many immigrants to Canada, Pier 21 will introduce Canada's immigration history to your students. This visit includes a guided tour, a screening of "In Canada," and access to the Pier 21 Resource Centre.
- 1:30 p.m. **Lunch at your own cost**
- 2:30 p.m. **Guided Coach Tour of Halifax.** Discover one of Canada's oldest cities. Apart from being the commercial capital of the Maritimes, it's also known for its maritime history.
- 5:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**

DAY 2

- 7:15 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Guided Tour of Peggy's Cove and the South Shore.** Experience the stunning lighthouse and charming fishing village, nestled on the Atlantic cove's smooth granite rocks. Snap a photo at the most photographed location in Canada before paying respects at the memorial for Swiss Air Flight 111.
- 12:00 p.m. **Photo Stop in Mahone Bay.** Take in the iconic view of Nova Scotia's three prominent churches - St. James' Anglican, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, and Trinity United - across the harbour.
- 1:00 p.m. **Explore Old Town Lunenburg.** Experience the history of Lunenburg, one of only two urban communities in North America designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- 1:30 p.m. **Lunch at your own cost**
- 2:30 p.m. **View Bluenose II.** A visit to Nova Scotia is not complete without seeing the legendary Bluenose II, a symbol of the province's Tall Ships. *NOTE: Admission is not included. Subject to the Bluenose II being in port.*
- 5:00 p.m. **Halifax Shopping Centre.** Explore over 170 shops and a massive food court at the Halifax Shopping Centre and enjoy dinner at your own cost.
- 7:30 p.m. **The Halifax Ghost Walk.** Embark on the oldest ghost walk in North America! You'll walk through Old Halifax's dark alleys and haunted historic buildings at night.

DAY 3

- 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Visit the Africville Museum.** Explore the rich history of Africville, which was a thriving African Nova Scotian community on the edge of the Halifax Harbour, settled in the 1860's. The Africville Museum, a replica of the Seaview Baptist Church that was the heart of Africville, tells the story of the community's displacement in the 1960s due to industrial expansion and the injustice

of its destruction. Through audio-visual kiosks, pictures, artifacts, and more, the museum honours the community's spirit that still endures to this day.

- 11:00 a.m. **Visit the Africville National Historic Site and Monument.** The open landscape is marked by a sundial-shaped monument commemorating the former community. The designation refers to the landscape and its associated resources, including a few foundation remnants.
- 11:30 a.m. **Visit the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.** As the largest art museum in Atlantic Canada, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia has been a hub for the visual arts since 1908. With a Permanent Collection of over 18,000 pieces, including works by renowned Nova Scotian painter Maude Lewis, the Gallery is an essential destination for art lovers.
- 1:15 p.m. **Lunch at your own cost**
- 3:00 p.m. **Visit the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.** Immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the East Coast at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, located in the heart of Halifax's historic waterfront. On this self-guided visit, you'll discover the stories, events, and people that have shaped Nova Scotia and its relationship with the sea, from small craft boatbuilding to World War Convoys, and the Titanic to the Halifax Explosion.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**
- 8:00 p.m. **Enjoy a theatre or music performance.**

DAY 4

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**
- 11:30 a.m. **Visit Annapolis Royal.** Explore this waterfront community situated between the mountains and sea with a stunning shopping area, delicious restaurants, vibrant arts and culture, and plenty of outdoor activities.
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch at your own cost**
- 1:00 p.m. **Guided Tour of Fort Anne National Historic Site.** Visit a fortified site in Annapolis Royal, located at the intersection of the Annapolis and Allain rivers. Tour the remains of 18th and 19th century buildings settled in 1629 as well as the surrounding land and views of the salt marshes, river, and town.
- 4:00 p.m. **Ferry from Digby to Saint John, N.B.**
- 6:30 p.m. **Arrive at the Saint John Ferry Terminal.**
- 7:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 9:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

DAY 5

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**
- 9:00 a.m. **Orientation Tour of Saint John.** Explore the history and beauty of this must-see site on the Bay of Fundy, the oldest incorporated city in Canada. Discover the peaceful gardens at the Loyalist Burial Ground, established after the landing of the United Empire Loyalists in 1783, and take a break from the bustling city. Then, see the Three Sisters Lamps—three red gas lamps stationed at the end

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of Prince William Street in 1849 and visible for three miles out to sea, which served as a guide for sailors entering the harbour.

11:30 a.m. **Lunch at your own cost**

12:30 p.m. **Visit Fundy National Park.** Located on the Bay of Fundy, near the village of Alma, New Brunswick, the park showcases a rugged coastline, the highest tides in the world, and more than 25 waterfalls.

1:15 p.m. **Dickson Falls Trail Hike in Fundy National Park.** This is picture-perfect Fundy Shore scenery. To see the most photographed waterfall of Fundy National Park, walk the trail!

3:00 p.m. **Visit the Hopewell Rocks.** The Hopewell Rocks, also known as the Flowerpot Rocks or simply The Rocks, are towering rock formations standing 40-70 feet tall on the shores of the Bay of Fundy at Hopewell Cape. Witness the beauty of these formations created by tidal erosion at The Hopewell Rocks Ocean Tidal Exploration Site.

6:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

7:00 p.m. **Dinner**

DAY 6

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**

9:15 a.m. **View the Tidal Bore at Bore Park, Moncton.** Experience the unique phenomenon of a tidal bore in Moncton, when the incoming tide forms a standing wave that travels upstream against the current of the Petitcodiac River. Witness the unparalleled tides in the Bay of Fundy when this rush of water overtakes the outgoing tide in the normally placid river. *NOTE: Subject to availability based on dates of travel and times of the tide.*

10:00 a.m. **Moncton Art Mural Walk.** Explore Moncton's vibrant outdoor art gallery as you discover stunning murals on buildings throughout the city. Created by local and international artists through Festival Inspire, these masterpieces transform the city into a visual feast.

11:00 a.m. **Lunch at your own cost**

11:30 a.m. **Depart for Charlottetown.** Cross the awe-inspiring Confederation Bridge. Linking New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island, the Bridge is nearly 13 kilometres long, making it the longest bridge in Canada.

2:00 p.m. **Visit Victoria Park.** Stop to admire this beautiful waterfront park in the city of Charlottetown, PEI.

2:30 p.m. **Visit Beaconsfield Historic House.** Step back in time and experience the opulence of Victorian architecture at Beaconsfield—a stunning home built in 1877 by W.C. Harris for James and Edith Peake. Take a tour and marvel at the beauty and attention to detail of this historic home.

3:30 p.m. **Educational Tour at the Confederation Centre of the Arts - The Story of Confederation.** Experience the birth of a nation with a visit to Province House, the site of the 1864 Charlottetown Conference that laid the foundations for Confederation.

4:00 p.m. **Self-Guided visit of the Art Gallery in the Confederation Centre of the Arts.** Discover the works of Canadian visual artists at the Confederation Centre Art Gallery, which presents an average of 20 exhibitions each year.

5:00 p.m. **Visit Historic Great George Street.** Discover this National Historic Site located in the heart of Charlottetown, PEI. Stretching six blocks from Richmond Street and Province House to the waterfront, this iconic street features buildings of various architectural styles and features.

6:00 p.m. **Dinner**

8:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

DAY 7

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

10:00 a.m. **Anne of Green Gables Heritage Site visit.** Step into the heritage of Green Gables, which has become renowned around the world as the inspiration for the setting of Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic tale of fiction, Anne of Green Gables.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch at your own cost**

2:00 p.m. **Visit Prince Edward Island National Park.** Experience the natural beauty of PEI, located along the island's north shore, fronting the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

3:00 p.m. **View the Covehead Harbour Lighthouse.** Located in Prince Edward Island National Park, Covehead Harbour Lighthouse is an important symbol of the island's maritime heritage and a popular spot for photography.

4:30 p.m. **Visit Cavendish Beach.** Visit the beautiful beaches and boardwalks where you can walk, splash and play along the red sandy shores.

6:00 p.m. **Dinner**

DAY 8

7:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**

11:00 a.m. **Board your flight home**

3:00 p.m. **Welcome home!**

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